

Puerto Rico

AIDS Rate per 100,000

26.4*

State Funds for HIV Early Intervention Services

STATE EXPENDITURES	
Required Base	SFY 2007 Expenditures Maintenance
\$1,499,566	\$4,708,130

SAPT EXPENDITURES	
FY 2005 HIV Set-Aside	FY 2008 Planned
\$1,090,739	\$1,101,174

FY 2008 SAPT Reports

Set-aside funds are made available through a contract to provide early intervention services in treatment facilities, primarily methadone treatment centers. Early intervention services included: pre/post-test counseling, HIV testing, referral services, and future plans for implementing HIV rapid testing.

HIV EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES PROVIDED							
Rapid Testing	Funding Rapid Testing	Regular HIV Testing	Pre-Test and Post-Test Counseling	Referral Services	Risk Assessment	HIV/AIDS Education	Outreach
		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

State Narrative Summary

Puerto Rico's Mental Health and Anti-Addiction Services Administration worked to provide onsite HIV early intervention services to all five methadone treatment centers on the Island, and used two mobile units to conduct outreach to other populations. The program conducted 137 psychoeducational services which reached 3,307 clients in substance abuse treatment; 2,337 rapid HIV tests were conducted, for which clients received pre- and post-test counseling services. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, the program sought to expand its reach to

*The most recent data published prior to October 1, 2007 by the CDC is Table 14, Reported AIDS cases and annual rates (per 100,000 population), by area of residence and age category, cumulative through 2005-United States, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report 2005 Vol. 17, U.S. Department of Health and Human services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Division of HIV/AIDS, Prevention, Surveillance, and Epidemiology. Single copies of the report are available through the CDC National Prevention Information Network, 1-800-458-5231 or 301-562-1098 or <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/reports/2005report/table14.htm>

include not only adults in treatment, but minors as well, to prevent the transmission of HIV in children and adolescents. All staff received training on early intervention services for children and teens, including training on testing, pre- and post-test counseling, and referral services. Plans for FY 2008 were to continue these efforts. The program also planned to provide orientation to early intervention services to parents and caregivers whose children are involved in the treatment system.

Full State Narrative

FY 2005 (COMPLIANCE)

GOAL 6.1: Provide HIV/AIDS early intervention services for substance abusers in the MHAASA treatment system and sub-recipient entities.

Objective 6.1.1: To provide HIV/AIDS early intervention activities to all five (5) methadone treatment centers (in different towns Island wide) and the outreached populations through the two mobile units for methadone and HIV prevention in the San Juan area and the sub recipient entities during FY 2005.

The proposal from the SEIT Program of the Department of Health was received, reviewed and approved to provide on-site HIV early intervention services in MHAASA treatment programs, primarily those of the Methadone Treatment Centers. SEIT carried out 137 psycho-educational services on HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, impacting 3,307 clients in SA treatment, of whom 2,570 were in treatment in the MHAASA Methadone Treatment Centers and 737 in community-based organizations. A total of 2,345 HIV pre-counseling, and 1,291 post-counseling sessions were carried out with persons testing for HIV.

A total of 2,963 VDRL tests were done, of which 2,558 were carried out with clients in Methadone Treatment Centers of the MHAASA And 605 in community based treatment centers, with 38 persons having positive results (30 in the Methadone Centers and 8 in the CBO's), all referred to the Department of Health for treatment.

A total of 2,337 HIV tests were done, of which 1,718 were carried out in the Methadone Treatment Centers and 619 in CBO's, with 26 patients resulting positive and referred to the Immunology Clinics of the Department of Health for treatment.

A total of 33 community outreach activities were coordinated and carried out, impacting 564 persons, of whom 36 persons from the general community tested for HIV.

The SEIT Program carried out 20 community outreach activities with clinics for HIV, impacting 751 persons from the general community.

Treatment was coordinated with OCASET of the PR Health Department and/or Ryan White funded community programs, and follow-up of treatment compliance was done with the nursing staff of the AOD treatment centers of the MHAASA. In addition, staff members with direct responsibility for providing orientation, education and referral services for HIV/AIDS were identified in the MHAASA treatment centers and private treatment centers. Referral for voluntary testing and pre and post testing through the PRDH's AIDS Program and local Ryan White CARE Act and CDC funded programs was routinely carried out in all treatment settings. Monitoring of provision of services to HIV infected populations was carried out by medical staff of treatment centers.

The Advisor for HIV Early Intervention Services continued to be contracted at central agency level to coordinate all aspects related to HIV prevention, education and early intervention services. Dr. Neicy Muñoz, a doctorate level Psychologist, carried out coordination with OCASET, on-site visits to monitor services in treatment centers and provide technical assistance to staff. Protocols and procedures for HIV services were

prepared and disseminated to the treatment centers to serve as a guide for services provided and promote uniform and optimum compliance with applicable federal regulations in all treatment programs.

FY 2007 (PROGRESS)

Goal 6.1: Provide HIV/AIDS early intervention services for substance abusers in the MHAASA treatment system and sub-recipients, including both adults and minors.

Objective 6.1.1: To provide HIV/AIDS early intervention activities to all adult treatment modalities of the MHAASA and the sub-recipient entities during FY2007.

In FFY 2007, HIV early intervention services continued to be provided through a continued contract with the SEIT Program of the Puerto Rico Department of Health on site in treatment settings of the MHAASA.

A total of 789 clients of the MHAASA treatment system were detected, through testing, or reported being, HIV infected, this number representing 3% of the total clients served. All cases resulting positive were referred for HIV treatment through the Immunology Clinics of the Department of Health in the area of residence of the clients. Services of SEIT were monitored through monthly reports and bills by the Treatment Area staff. . Also the Quality Assurance Office of the MHAASA monitors compliance with clinical protocols.

Proposals are being received for the implementation of rapid HIV testing in the MHAASA treatment centers. Contracting of a medical technologist through the SEIT Project is being discussed for this purpose, as required by PR law. Partner counseling is being offered by SEIT to prevent and control the transmission of HIV. A total of 1,726 HIV tests and pre-counseling sessions to clients and to partners of HIV+ clients in treatment in 2006-07.

HIV testing and early intervention services were included in 137 community outreach activities in Methadone Centers and in community based organizations that were carried out in 2006-07, impacting 3,014 persons at high risk of HIV infection due to drug use, including IDU.

Objective 6.1.2: Prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS in Children and Adolescents who receive treatment services in the Service Units of the AATCA of the MHAASA.

After the reorganization of treatment services of the MHAASA, integrating the Adult and Minors Treatment Areas, training was provided to all staff of the Treatment to Children and Adolescents Program on early intervention services for HIV, including testing, pre and post counseling and referral for youth receiving SA treatment services. Adolescent substance users were motivated to test for HIV voluntarily. A total of 78 HIV and VDRL tests were carried out for youth in treatment in the MHAASA on a voluntary basis, with none resulting positive to HIV, and one youth resulting positive to a VDRL test and referred to the Immunology Clinics of the PRDH for treatment of their condition.

Orientation and training was provided to all staff of the Children's and Adolescents' Treatment Area related to HIV prevention and early intervention. A total of 12 training activities were provided.

All IDU's who are minors are provided orientation about the risk of HIV infection and motivated to voluntarily test for HIV.

HIV testing and early intervention services are coordinated and provided to minors in SA treatment, and those identified as positive are referred for adequate treatment through the Department of Health's Immunology Centers. No adolescents were identified as positive to HIV tests and referred for treatment. Follow up was given to referrals to ensure compliance.

FY 2008 (INTENDED USE)

Objective 6.1.1: To provide HIV/AIDS early intervention activities in all adult treatment modalities of MHAASA and the sub recipient entities during FY2007. Activities:

6.1.1a. Contract HIV early intervention services on-site in MHAASA treatment facilities through an RFP process, including contractual agreements for rapid testing as per federal guidelines and recommendations.

6.1.1b. Monitor services provided by contracted sub recipients.

6.1.1c. Provide psycho-educational talks to staff related to HIV services.

6.1.1d. Provide, through contracted agency, testing and pre and post counseling services for HIV, using traditional Western Blot Tests and Elisa tests for verification of positive results of HIV.

6.1.1e. Purchase rapid HIV test kits and relevant supplies, and contract Medical Technician Services, as per Puerto Rico law, to permit rapid HIV testing, for persons who voluntarily accept to do the rapid testing.

6.1.1f. Expand HIV early intervention services in the Mobile Units for Methadone Treatment, including the option of rapid testing as per CSAT directive and CDC Guidance of July 17, 2006.

6.1.1g. Provide follow up of HIV treatment compliance for all patients in AOD treatment who voluntarily inform positive HIV status.

6.1.1h. Provide counseling to family members and sexual partners to prevent and diminish the risk of contracting HIV.

6.1.1i. Provide testing and early intervention services to AOD treatment staff of MHAASA, and coordinate treatment, as required.

6.1.1j. Continue to carry out outreach to populations in use of substances at high risk of HIV infection, providing preventive HIV education integrated with outreach activities.

Objective #6.1.2. Prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS in children and adolescents who receive treatment in the Service Units of the AATCA of MHAASA. Activities:

6.1.2a. Provide training to all staff in treatment modalities for children and adolescents regarding the protocol for services development for HIV prevention in this population.

6.1.2b. Provide training to clinical staff on testing (including rapid HIV testing), pre and post counseling and other early intervention services related to HIV/AIDS for children and adolescents receiving treatment services in the AATCA.

6.1.2c. Induce young intravenous drug users to voluntarily test for HIV to detect infection, including the option of rapid testing.

6.1.2d. Identify patients resulting positive to HIV tests through voluntary reporting and refer for treatment to ensure that they receive the appropriate treatment services for their condition.

6.1.2e. Provide orientation to parents, relatives and caregivers of children and adolescents on services required and the importance of their integration into the treatment process.

6.1.2f. Evaluate compliance with the procedures and treatment services for populations served related to HIV/AIDS early intervention and treatment of those resulting positive, if they voluntarily report results.

HIV Early Intervention Services

As in the previous year, the MHAASA contracted for Early Intervention Services and Treatment (SEIT) through the Office for AIDS and Other Sexually Transmissible Diseases (OCASET) of the Puerto Rico Health Department (PRDOH) to carry out all testing and early intervention services for TB and HIV in our Treatment Centers in FY 2005. Routine TB testing was carried out in FFY 2005 in the MHAASA Treatment Programs on site, including the Methadone Treatment Centers and Residential Treatment Centers. TB results are required as part of their admission process to receive substance abuse treatment.

The SEIT program also offers on-site HIV testing, with pre and post counseling, education services and referral and follow-up for treatment of those clients resulting positive. A total of 1,718 adult clients of the MHAASA were tested for HIV in FY 2005, and 2,208 for TB. In community based organizations, 619 HIV tests, 100 TB tests and 605 VDRL tests were carried out. In addition 2,358 VDRL tests were done by the SEIT staff

on-site among clients in treatment. A total of 39 clients in alcohol or drug treatment in 2005 were detected positive through tests carried out in 2005, and 2 in the community based organizations. In addition 15 patients reported being positive when they entered treatment. An additional 208 youth under 18 years of age were tested for HIV in 2005, with none resulting positive to HIV or TB, but 1 resulting positive to STD. The MHAASA Training Institute continues to coordinate and provide training seminars related to TB and HIV in MHAASA facilities in FFY 2005 for clinical staff, in addition to the orientation provided by the PRDoH's SEIT staff.

For the services provided by SEIT in FFY 2005, a contract for this purpose was financed with SAPT Block Grant funds in the amount of \$ 457,517.

In FFY 2005, a total of \$8,389 in state funds of the MHAASA and \$80,187 from the PR Department of Health OCASET were spent on TB services to substance abusers.. This surpasses the required MOE. In addition, an estimated \$103,490 in SAPT Block Grant funds were spent in FFY 2005 on TB services.¹ Thus the total expenditures in FFY 2005 for TB services to substance abusers in Puerto Rico were \$192,066.

Based on a percentage of contract services for TB related activities of SEIT. As a designated state, Puerto Rico spent in FFY 2005, a total of \$1,101,175 in SAPT Block Grant funds are estimated to be spent for HIV services. Additionally, \$1,555,729 in state funds assigned to MHAASA and \$9,089,986 in state funds of OCASET, or a total of \$10,645,715 in state funds were spent on HIV services for substance abusers, including preventive education of clients, sexual partners and family members; testing with pre and post counseling; the costs of supplies and other related costs.

HIV Early Intervention Programs Receiving Funds

HIV EARLY INTERVENTION FUNDS REPORTED BY STATE PROVIDER				
Program	Status	Address	Phone	Funds
CENTRAL OFFICE - MHAASA	n/a	Prior Municipal Hospital 414 Barbosa Ave. San Juan, PR 00928	(787) 763-7575	\$457,515

Status Key: [A] Active, [I] Inactive, [n/a] Not available, [P] Facility physically closed, [S] No substance abuse services provided, [U] Closed as duplicate of another facility.